

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## NOTAM IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 25, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 346, the "NOTAM Improvement Act of 2023", which will be beneficial to the modernization of the safety, efficiency, and productivity of the future of aviation in the United States of America.

Specifically, this bill aims to reinvigorate the current system of Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMs) by pinpointing failures within the existing standards. This will be achieved by:

Aligning the NOAM and aeronautical information systems under a single governing office with the authority to standardize and ensure compliance with FAA Orders and ICAO requirements.

Redesigning the current NOTAM information management system with single technology gateways for entering, processing, and retrieving all NOTAM data.

Creating a unified training and outreach strategy for federal and non-federal NOTAM users.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security and the Budget, it is my pleasure to support and urge members to strongly consider H.R. 346.

This bill aims to modernize flight across all The United States of America and not only increase the safety of the existing system of Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMs) but maximize its efficacy.

Mr. Speaker, hundreds of flights were grounded Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Houston airports and across the nation's airports, domestic and international which the Federal Aviation Authority reported as a nationwide outage that was felt across the country.

Millions of Americans were grounded away from their homes, families and loved ones. The cause of this devastating outage was attributed to a computer system glitch.

More than 21,000 flights in the U.S. were scheduled to take off on January 11, 2023, mostly domestic trips, and about 1,840 international flights expected to fly to the U.S., according to aviation data firm Cirium.

"The FAA's infrastructure is a lot more than just brick and mortar." Investment in the agency is set to be addressed this year by Congress when the 5 year FAA Reauthorization Act signed in 2018 expires. Strong consideration for this bill should be thoughtfully considered.

Throughout the years we have lagged in advancing our aviation systems. The tragic events that transpired earlier this year could have been avoided, but "Because of budgetary concerns and flexibility of budget, this tech refresh has been pushed off."

AOPA recently surveyed 30,000 members about improving Notice to Air Missions

(NOTAMs), and 77 percent of respondents said making Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMs) easier to understand was important while 46 percent said addressing the number of Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMs) was important.

Sources and tragic instances have continuously given us warning signs plus evidence that our NOTAM system is an example of aging infrastructure that is considerably due for an overhaul.

This bill firmly establishes the strategic steps towards harnessing the will power of strengthening our domestic air space, our nationwide digital aviation infrastructure and cybersecurity measures.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of H.R. 346, the "NOTAM Improvement Act of 2023".

## HONORING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JAMES T. KOLBE

**HON. DARRELL ISSA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and public service exemplified by former Congressman James Thomas Kolbe.

With deep sadness, we mourn the loss of Congressman Jim Kolbe, who passed away on December 3, 2022 after a dedicated career of service to the Congress, his community, and his beloved Arizona.

A teenage Senate Page, Kolbe graduated from Northwestern University with a bachelor's degree in political science in 1965 and received a master's degree from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1967. He entered the Navy that year and served in combat duty on gunboats in the Mekong Delta during the Vietnam War for which he was awarded the Congressional Medal for Valor. After working as a Special Assistant to the Governor of Illinois, in 1976 he was elected to the first of his 3 terms as a member of the Arizona State Senate. 1984 saw his first election to the House of Representatives and Arizona's Fifth Congressional District. He represented his constituents with true distinction, a creative and conscientious legislator who consistently reached across the aisle and worked closely with colleagues across the political spectrum. A fierce champion of free trade and free markets, Pima County and Southern Arizona could always count on Jim Kolbe.

I extend sincere condolences to his spouse, Hector Alfonso, his family, and loved ones. I am grateful to have served with a public servant and public leader like Jim Kolbe. He will be missed.

## STRATEGIC PRODUCTION RESPONSE ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 26, 2023*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 21) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve:

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 21, the Strategic Production Response Act. Republicans brought H.R. 21 to the House Floor today to prohibit the Department of Energy from releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) until it expands oil and gas drilling on federal lands by the same percentage that it releases oil from the SPR.

House Republicans are once again doing the bidding of their Big Oil friends at Americans' expense, while threatening the President's ability to take timely action to lower prices for American consumers. When Putin invaded Ukraine and the oil prices soared worldwide, President Biden acted quickly to release oil from the SPR helping to lower gas prices for American families by \$1.69 per gallon since their peak. Restricting the federal government's best tool in the middle of a global energy crisis—with no benefit other than increasing the profits of the fossil fuel industry—is a disservice and will harm working families who will bear the brunt of this decision.

The fossil fuel industry is already sitting on approximately 9,000 approved but unused permits for drilling on public lands because they are more concerned with keeping supply artificially low so that prices can stay artificially high to line their own pockets. This legislation could result in giving the fossil fuel industry an additional over 30 million acres of public lands for new oil and gas drilling—that is over 5 times the size of Minnesota, and 8 times the amount of public lands and waters currently available for oil and gas development.

This bill will only make us more dependent on fossil fuels. The growing threat of climate change is real, and in order to protect our planet, we must reduce carbon emissions and embrace a sustainable energy future. Congress should use its power to invest in developing alternative energy sources and expanding federal incentives making them more affordable for American consumers.

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## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ROBERT GARCIA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on Huffman Amendment No. 15, Roll Call 46, on January 26. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 46.

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION REAL ESTATE LEASING AUTHORITY REVOCATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 25, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 388—the Securities and Exchange Commission Real Estate Leasing Authority Revocation Act.

This bill would amend Title 40 of the United States Code and would limit the Securities and Exchange Commission's ability to lease general purpose office space.

The authority to lease general purpose of office space should be under the General Services Administration.

Involving the SEC in real estate leasing is useless, excessive, and redundant when GSA was created for that very reason.

This bill was first introduced in 2011 after the SEC engaged in improper sole-source procurement of nearly one million square feet of leased space.

In 2021, the SEC said that GSA will be used in the future for real estate procurements, but this bill would ensure that going forward.

This bill would also mandate the Comptroller General of the United States to submit reports on Independent Leasing Authorities to both House and Senate committees.

H.R. 388 would ensure that Congress is able to accomplish its constitutional obligations and enhance the efficiency and accountability of the federal government for the overall good of the American people.

Furthermore, due to the Comptroller General's reports measuring the effectiveness of spending policies, it is crucial that these independent leasing reports are updated without fault.

The government itself cannot operate effectively without such essential information being updated annually and being communicated to other committees and federal agencies that profit from such insight.

It is pertinent that the American public's tax dollars are being utilized efficiently and this bill will ensure that.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this important legislation that will ensure that the General Services Administration would be in charge of leasing office space for governmental agencies.

We must utilize federal funds properly and this legislation will be one step closer to that.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote because I was meeting with constituents. Had I been present, I would have voted "NAY" on Roll Call No. 37.

## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CHARLES EDWIN SIMPSON

**HON. TRENT KELLY**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lt. Colonel Charles "Chuck" Edwin Simpson. Lt. Colonel Charles "Chuck" Edwin Simpson, U.S. Army, Retired, 93, of Harlem, Georgia, born September 29, 1929, in Fayetteville, AL, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Charles joined the army at 17 years of age and retired after 28 years of service. Within his time in the army, he ministered to many while traveling the world and obtaining a Master's degree of Electromagnetic Compatibility Analysis. He then settled in Harlem, Georgia, with his family, establishing Crosslands Nursery and developing a line of manufactured homes (Hutchinson and Herrli Homes). He later became deeply engaged with the Commission Project in the Ukraine and former Soviet Union.

He was an active member of Thomson Presbyterian Church and served on the Session of the Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of America. He touched the lives of many as a disciple, grandfather, and friend. He was a cheerful leader, an attentive listener, and loving "Papaw" to subsequent generations. He was cherished and loved, and will be greatly missed. His hobbies were farming, politics, and construction, but his greatest joy was family and leading others to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William Hood Simpson and Ellen Faulkner Simpson, his 9 brothers and sisters, and his wife, Margaret Acker Simpson (married February 14, 1954).

He is survived by his 4 children, Darlene "Faith" Bandre, Deborah "Debi" Mangham, Thomas "Tom" Simpson, and Donald "Tim" Simpson (Johnna); his sisters, Eleanor Griffin Ellis, Helen Reed; his brother Claude Simpson; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great grandchildren.

## CONGRATULATING MR. MILAN MORA, P.E. ON BEING CHOSEN THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 2022 JOHN W. MORRIS CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN**

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate engineer Milan Mora

of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District, on his selection as the 2022 LTG John W. Morris Civilian of the Year.

In the recovery process from natural disasters, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been a reliable partner for emergency response as well as infrastructure construction and protection of river and coastal resources for Puerto Rico, Florida and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Milan Mora has been a key part of this team, as the Chief of the Jacksonville District's Water Resources Branch.

Mr. Mora has shown true commitment to service in the protection of our communities and resources in the face of disasters and climate risks, and in support of American national security. In Puerto Rico he has been and continues to be a partner we can count on.

Having been chosen for this award by his colleagues shows their recognition and respect, and I join in congratulating him, a true friend of Puerto Rico, for this achievement.

## FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE COORDINATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 25, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 255 to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments.

Specifically, the Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act extends the deadline for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to conduct a study and develop a plan under which the collection of information from disaster assistance applicants and grantees will be made less difficult and time consuming for applicants and grantees.

H.R. 255 also would require FEMA to create a plan for the collection and reporting of data regarding federal disaster aid awarded.

In addition, FEMA must provide Congress with a detailed report on the strategies for organizing and expediting data collection, and preliminary damage assessments.

Natural disasters are occurring more often and are causing more damages and adverse impacts for Americans, including harm to homes and property.

On August 25, 2017, Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas, just north of Corpus Christi, as a category 4 storm.

An estimated 13 million people were impacted by Harvey, nearly 135,000 homes were damaged or destroyed by the catastrophic flooding, and up to a million cars were totaled.

According to the National Hurricane Center, the storm caused \$125 billion in damages. Except for Hurricane Katrina, that number surpasses all previous natural disasters in American history.

In order to support reaction and recovery activities across 270,000 square miles, FEMA organized massive deployments of federal employees both before and after the hurricanes' landfalls.

Only \$571.8 million in FEMA aid was given to Texas households out of the disaster's \$125 billion in damages.

Despite the fact that catastrophe required a great deal of aid, few people actually received aid due to obstacles in the application process.

H.R. 255 would eliminate some of the obstacles that Texas residents experienced when attempting to obtain federal aid after Hurricane Harvey.

This bill would streamline the collection of information, reduce duplication of process, and make it easier for disaster victims to obtain assistance.

Lawmakers must improve the process for our constituents to receive aid as we see an uprise in these climate disasters.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation that would make the federal assistance process easier for victims of natural disasters.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES ANDERSON

##### HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of James Anderson, a public servant in New Jersey's 3rd District who dedicated his career to the Willingboro Fire Department for four decades.

James began his work with the fire department as a volunteer firefighter in May of 1982, serving our community day in and day out in times of crisis. Since that starting point of his career, he grew into a professional many in our district consider one of the most recognizable firefighters throughout Burlington County. After his first six years as a volunteer firefighter, James helped to establish the Willingboro Fire Department Underwater Search and Rescue Team, one of the first in the county. Following its development, he applied his expertise and leadership as the Dive Team Coordinator for the program.

Only a year after his work as Dive Team Coordinator, James earned the title of a career firefighter for the Naval Warfare Center right on our Joint Base in Lakehurst. It was there where he continued his work as an Aircraft Crash Rescue Firefighter. Even throughout his time on the Joint Base, James still held service in the highest regard and continued his volunteerism at the Willingboro Township Fire Department.

In 1991, James gained the title of Provisional Career Firefighter at the Willingboro Firehouse he started in, with which he served an additional eight years before transitioning to the Willingboro Township Bureau of Inspections applying his investigative and interpretative skills to fire investigations. In May of 2008 James returned to the Firehouse as a senior firefighter, where in his final professional role, he took the most pride in being a "senior man" and mentoring aspiring firefighters, who eventually graduated to become supervisors and officers themselves.

James' contributions to our Burlington County community have earned him numerous awards and accolades over the years. He earned life memberships within the Willingboro Fire Department and eventually the New Jersey State Fireman's Association. He was also recognized as Firefighter of the Year in 2014.

His respective units and teams were recognized time and time again for their courageous actions—twice with Unit Citations for multiple rescues—as well as most recently in 2022, with the Valor Award.

Through these remarkable milestones and achievements, James culminated his career with founding the Sean Anderson Foundation to give back to his fellow firefighters. Through this organization, they provide assistance and support to firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and the overall community relief efforts of Burlington County. It is because of his dedication both in his career and personal life, that many people can continue to feel safe every day as well as have the resources they need to succeed.

New Jersey is grateful for the work that James has done, and I hope that his career can inspire others to carry on his legacy as a champion for service. I know I speak for the 3rd District in wishing James a happy retirement filled with spending quality time with his family.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT STEVEN ROBIN AND OFFICER BRANDEN ESTORFFE

##### HON. MIKE EZELL

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the lives of 2 fallen heroes, Bay St. Louis Police officers Sergeant Steven Robin and Officer Branden Estorffe, who were shot and killed in the line of duty this past December.

Sergeant Steven Robin served 3 years with the Bay St. Louis Police Department after prior service with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Officer Branden Estorffe served 2 years with the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

During their law enforcement careers, both men received numerous accolades for their dedication to protecting their community.

Sergeant Steven Robin received Overall Top Academic Honors with the Hancock County Law Enforcement Training Academy. Sergeant Robin took on supervisory roles during his tenures with both the Waveland Police Department and the Bay St. Louis Police Department, serving as a Field Training Officer and Sergeant with both departments.

Officer Branden Estorffe was recognized for Top Academics with the Combat Readiness Training Center. Officer Estorffe also earned the Firearms Award with the Harrison County Law Enforcement Training Academy and maintained high firearms standards with the National Rifle Association and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team.

Sergeant Steven Robin is survived by his wife, Amy, his parents, Michael and Julie Robin, his son, Brandon Boudreaux, his 2 special girls whom he considered daughters, Tessa Delsied and Emmaleigh Melton, his granddaughter, Rosie, his 2 brothers, Brian and Glenn Robin, his father-in-law, Lester Bush, his mother-in-law, Mary Bush, his brother-in-law, Brad Bush, his sister-in-law, Stephanie Bush, and his 2 godchildren, Braeleigh, and Addilyn Delsied.

Officer Branden Estorffe is survived by his parents, Ian and Heather Estorffe, and his siblings, Lilly and Sophia Estorffe, Jordana and Chloe Gilkerson, and Andrew Porter, his grandparents, Rex and Lynda Estorffe and Tommy and Sheila Burkett, and his aunts and uncles, Lauren and Greg Walters, Jennifer and Jason Polk, and Chad Goodfellow.

May we remember their selfless commitment, their service, and ultimately their sacrifice. Their families are in the thoughts and prayers of myself, this body, and everyone in Mississippi.

#### RECOGNIZING HENRY LYKES

##### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today I want to recognize Henry Lykes, a resident of Inkster in Michigan's 12th District Strong, for his hard work on behalf of retirees across southeast Michigan.

For more than 30 years, Mr. Lykes was an employee of Wayne County, from which he retired in 2001. Moved to action by attacks on retiree benefits, Mr. Lykes kept busy in retirement. Henry founded and acted as President of AFSCME Wayne County Retirees Sub-Chapter #38 in October of 2004. He was formative in making Sub-Chapter #38 one of the largest and most active AFSCME Retirees sub-chapters. He led that group until October of 2017. He was part of a legal action that resulted in healthcare retirees receiving a deserved monthly stipend.

In 2017, Mr. Lykes was elected as the founding President of AFSCME Retirees Michigan Chapter 255. He served in that capacity through November of 2022. He also served as the Executive Vice President of the Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans. Mr. Lykes fought for worker and retiree benefits to ensure a good quality of life for families across Michigan. In each of these organizations he was active as a delegate on the County, State and International levels. As a founding officer in these organizations he worked on bylaws, rules and regulations. He was an integral part of each organization and helped to build their memberships.

Mr. Lykes is proud of his service as a precinct delegate in Inkster. He has attended many state conventions as a delegate and has been a Michigan delegate to the Presidential conventions. Mr. Lykes enjoys spending time with his family, including Barbara, his wife of more than 40 years, their children, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Please join me in recognizing the numerous and remarkable contributions of Mr. Henry Lykes to southeast Michigan, and Michigan's 12th Congressional District.

#### INVESTING IN MAIN STREET ACT OF 2023

SPEECH OF

##### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 25, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 400, the Investing in Main

Street Act of 2023, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to increase the amount that may be invested in small business investment companies.

As a strong supporter of small businesses, I believe that this bill will improve the livelihood of many small businesses that have continuously been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This bill is designed to release more capital investment into small businesses in America.

The bill would allow certain banks and savings associations to invest more into small business investment companies by increasing the statutory cap from 5 percent to 15 percent.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States saw a significant rise in small businesses.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020 had the highest total number of applications for new businesses by far compared to all years that data was available.

From 2019 to 2021, there was a 20 percent increase in the number of small businesses created. That is more than double the average growth rate year to year.

According to the Kauffman Foundation, the increase in the rate of entrepreneurship during the pandemic was highest amongst Blacks, Latinos, and immigrants.

Even though there has been a significant rise in the number of small businesses during the pandemic, many businesses report negative impacts due to COVID.

In April 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau launched the Small Business Pulse Survey to produce data in real-time on the challenges small businesses were facing due to the pandemic.

When the first survey was collected in April of 2020, 90 percent of businesses surveyed stated that the pandemic had a negative effect on business.

When the last survey was collected in April of 2022, 70 percent of businesses surveyed stated that the pandemic had a negative effect on business.

Almost 3 years into the pandemic, small businesses are still struggling with getting back on their feet.

Cities such as New Orleans and Honolulu had some of the highest rates of small business closures in the country because their economies are largely built around serving visitors.

In large cities like San Francisco and Austin, the food industry was largely impacted because those who would typically eat out on their lunch break were now working from home.

The time for small business recovery is now.

The Biden-Harris administration has laid the foundation and has helped create the conditions for business and job creation.

With the evolution of almost 5.4 million small businesses in 2021, we must work to maintain and support these growing businesses.

The Biden-Harris administration partnered with the Small Business Administration (SBA) to reform the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). The policy changes targeted small business and companies that were left out of previous relief efforts.

The data shows that these PPP policy changes provided more support in minority communities than the rounds under the previous administration.

The Small Business Relief under the American Rescue Plan included targeted grant relief and tax credits for small businesses hit by the pandemic.

The Small Business Relief produced immediate relief to more than 600,000 of the hardest hit small businesses.

The Biden-Harris administration was able to provide more than 6 million small businesses with \$450 billion in emergency relief via the Small Business Administration.

Investing more in our small businesses has had a profound impact on the job market in the United States.

In the first 3 quarters of 2021, small businesses with 50 employees or less created almost 2 million jobs in the United States, the fastest start to small business job growth in any year on record.

Investing in main street should continue to be a priority for Congress.

Through this bipartisan bill, certain financial institutions would have the ability to invest more into small business investment companies by raising the statutory cap.

I urge my colleagues to join me and support this important legislation that will expand access to capital, increase the number of small businesses, and create jobs at home.

We must show the American public that improving the economy is a priority in Congress. This bill is a good first step at doing so.

#### TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BOZICK

#### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. KEN CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Michael "Mike" Bozick, who passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022. Mike was a longtime community leader in the Coachella Valley, and he will be deeply missed.

Mike was born and raised in the coal mining town of Masontown, Pennsylvania. A call to serve his country in the Navy ultimately drew Mike to California, where he spent time stationed at North Island Naval Air Station in Coronado. After the Navy, Mike attended San Bernardino Valley College and met his future wife, Bobbie Jean Tidwell. After he earned a business degree from the University of Southern California, Mike worked in the electronic industry. During their time in Los Angeles, Mike and Bobbie had 2 children.

In 1966, Mike went to work at Richard Bagdasarian Inc. in Mecca, a small table grape business, along with Bobbie and her mother, Lucille. Before long, the Bozicks moved to the nearby Coachella Valley to start and grow their own table grape business. In what would become an amazing 53-year career in the grape-growing industry, Mike left his mark as an advocate and leader in the industry. The Bozicks were also incredibly active within their community and gave back in a variety of ways through the decades to Coachella Valley organizations.

Mike is survived by his wife Bobbie, their children, Nick and Cindy, daughter-in-law Stephanie, 4 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the entire Bozick family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Mike. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Mike made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF LARRY R. ROGERS, SR.

#### HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Ms. ROBIN L. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today we honor the hard work and service of Larry R. Rogers, Sr.

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was one of the founding partners of Power Rogers, a successful and well-respected Chicago-based personal injury law firm;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was the first in his family to become a lawyer, doing so during an era where there were few African American attorneys;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. has served the people by excelling as a trial attorney, winning numerous multimillion-dollar personal injury settlements and verdicts for his clients;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. has been named one of the Ten Most Influential Illinois Lawyers by American Lawyer Media, as well as one of the top 10 litigators in the Nation by National Law Journal;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was presented with the John Paul Stevens Award, the highest award granted by the Chicago Bar Association and presented to attorneys who best exemplify the integrity and public service of late Justice John Paul Stevens;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was presented with the Leonard M. Ring Lifetime Achievement Award, a prestigious honor granted by the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was awarded the Chicago Bar Association's Earl B. Dickerson Award, an honor bestowed to people of color whose careers at the bar show dedication to making the law the key to justice for all;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. was elected and served as President of both the Cook County Bar Association and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, being the first African American President of the latter;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. has been awarded the DePaul University College of Law Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to the Legal Profession;

Whereas, DePaul University College of Law has an endowed scholarship carrying his name, providing tuition assistance for African American law students;

Whereas, Larry R. Rogers, Sr. dedicated his life to serving the people of Chicago and Illinois;

Now, therefore, be it *Resolved*, by the House of Representatives of the United States of America that the hard work and service of Larry R. Rogers, Sr. be remembered and honored.

CONGRATULATING VANESSA  
WYCHE, DIRECTOR OF NASA  
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER

**HON. BRIAN BABIN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 27, 2023*

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional public servant. NASA Johnson Space Center Director Vanessa Wyche, on receiving the prestigious Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP). BAHEP presents its renowned Quasar Award to an outstanding elected official or business leader who has demonstrated a strong and continual effort to support the business foundations of the greater Bay Area Houston communities.

Serving as the 13th Director of Johnson Space Center (JSC), Vanessa Wyche oversees the home of America's astronaut corps, Mission Control Center, International Space Station, Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory, Orion and Gateway programs, and the more than 11,000 civil servants and contractors in Houston and the White Sands Test Facility in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Among her many responsibilities, Wyche manages a broad range of human spaceflight activities, including the development and operation of human spacecraft, commercialization of low-Earth orbit, and JSC's role in landing the next American on the surface of the Moon. Under her leadership, JSC was recognized by Forbes and Statista as the number one best employer among Texas' major employers.

Vanessa previously served as deputy director at JSC for 3 years, starting in 2018. Her previous leadership positions include assistant and acting deputy director of JSC, director of the Exploration Integration and Science Directorate, flight manager of several missions of the Space Shuttle Program, executive officer in the Office of the NASA Administrator, and led several other center-level technical and program organizations. Prior to joining NASA, Vanessa worked for the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C.

Director Wyche is a native of South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and a Master of Science in Bioengineering from Clemson University. In 2019, she was inducted into the Thomas Green Clemson Academy of Engineers and Scientists at Clemson University. As a dedicated advocate for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, Vanessa serves as a member of Clemson University's College of Engineering, Computing and Ap-

plied Sciences advisory board, the University of Houston's C. T. Bauer College of Business advisory panel, and is a past chair of the Space Center Houston board of directors. Additionally, she received an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree from Coastal Carolina University in 2022.

Throughout her distinguished career, Vanessa has been recognized for her outstanding service. She is the recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, 2 NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals, 2 NASA Achievement Medals, a JSC Innovation award, a Woman at NASA award, a Rotary Stellar Nomination, a national Women Worth Watching honoree, and a Coastal Carolina University Inspiring Woman nomination. Vanessa is an American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Associate Fellow and completed the International Women's Forum Fellows Program.

Vanessa Wyche is married to George Wyche Jr., Esq., and has one son, George Wyche III.

It is a distinct honor to congratulate my friend, Vanessa Wyche, for receiving the esteemed Quasar Award. She is an outstanding leader who has served both the Bay Area and America's space program exceptionally. I look forward to our continued work to take us back to the Moon, and in the near future, Mars. Onward and upward.

**POST-DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
ONLINE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 25, 2023*

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 259 and I am pleased to explain why all members should vote in support of this bill—To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance.

This bill would require the Office of Management and Budget to establish an online repository to publish information on the total amount of disaster assistance provided as a result of natural disasters each year.

It is imperative that the American public is made aware of how much money is spent each year on federal disaster assistance; and especially by those caused by climate change.

Climate change is here, and extreme weather has become the new normal.

In February 2021 Winter Storm Uri swapped through Texas and across the nation.

Over 154 million people, roughly half of the country, was in subfreezing temperatures. The storm crippled Texas with temperatures as low as 6 degrees.

The debilitating temperatures overwhelmed the power grid, damaged Texas roadways, and left 2.8 million Texans without power.

Winter Storm Uri was the costliest natural disaster in Texas history causing over \$195 billion in damages.

As a member of the Budget Committee, I understand the importance of providing clarity to the American public about how much money is being spent as a result of natural disasters.

The devastation that occurred in Houston serves as a reminder that states must be ready for natural disasters, safety measures must be effectively planned to prevent casualties and damages, and careful reviewing of recipients needing assistance must be documented for reasons that include:

Detailed accounting of parties that are requesting and have requested assistance.

Transparent accounting of transactions and deposits from parties that are requesting and have requested assistance.

Retrievable access of all information listed for future planning and budgeting for capital spending.

In addition, H.R. 259 will serve as an integral building block towards achieving this objective for the benefit of information allocation from recipients who have received assistance and who have not, accurate predictions of resources plus capital transfers to the respected parties that are requesting assistance and for those that do not require assistance.

H.R. 259 encapsulates and provides the necessary and critical application of planning that needs to be implemented.

Keeping record of federal assistance should be dealt with importance as this keeps our budget in check and trackable. Further, it allows us to be responsible and cognizant of our spending.

Quite frankly, it is a central part of our job as Members of Congress to advocate and push forth ways to protect our citizens, our states, and future advancements. To do so requires thoughtful planning and H.R. 259 exemplifies these core principles.

With the support of this bill, we can help reinforce and modernize our systems for more efficient, accountable, and transparent record keeping for how and to whom we provide with federal assistance.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in voting in favor of H.R. 259, "To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes."